

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

GIDEON NKRUMAH,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	Civil Action No. 19-1180
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH OF THE	)	
COMMONWEALTH OF HIGHER	)	
EDUCATION,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

MEMORANDUM ORDER SETTING  
PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE OF COUNSEL

The above case has been assigned to me for all further proceedings. Pursuant to Local Rules 16.1 and 16.2, an initial case management conference will be conducted to discuss narrowing of the issues, the extent of pretrial preparation, discovery procedures, the early disposition of controlling questions of law, the probable extent of provable damages, the possibility of settlement, and the designation of an Alternative Dispute

Resolution process pursuant to the form attached hereto as Exhibit A. Chief trial counsel shall attend the initial case management conference. Counsel and the parties should be prepared to discuss settlement as well as Alternative Dispute Resolution.

The Conference in this case will be held on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 10:30 a.m., in Room 6220, Sixth Floor of Joseph F. Weis, Jr. U.S. Courthouse, 7th Avenue and Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

As required by Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the parties must, as soon as practicable and in any event at least 21 days before March 16, 2020, the date set forth above for the initial case management conference, "confer to consider the nature and basis of their claims and defenses and the possibilities for a prompt settlement or resolution of the case, to make or arrange for the disclosures required by Rule 26(a)(1), and to develop a proposed discovery plan[.]" See Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(f). Pursuant to Rule 26(f), the attorneys of record and all unrepresented parties that have appeared in the case are jointly responsible for filing with the Court a written report outlining their discovery plan. (A Rule 26(f) Report Form is attached hereto as Exhibit B). *This court requires*

*strict compliance with Rule 26.*

The Stipulation Selecting ADR Process, attached at Exhibit A, and the Rule 26(f) Report Form, attached as Exhibit B, as well as, if appropriate, any Expedited Docket Stipulation (see copy of form at link referenced below), shall be filed on or before March 9, 2020.

Counsel should be familiar with this Court's Practices and Procedures (see Court Practices and Procedures at [www.pawd.uscourts.gov](http://www.pawd.uscourts.gov), link "court practice"). If the parties stipulate to participate in the Court's Expedited Civil Litigation Program, counsel shall comply with the provisions of said program (<http://www.pawd.uscourts.gov/sites/pawd/files/expedited-docket-stipulation.pdf>).

SO ORDERED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

s/Robert J. Colville

Robert J. Colville

United States District Judge

cc/ecf: Counsel of record

